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SUBJ: CAIRO DRESS REVIEW: PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY CONDEMNS
- SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN

1. SUMMARY: CAIRO PRESS JANUARY 14 IS AGAIN DOMINATED
BY CONDEMNATIONS OF SOVIET AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN.
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DEVOTED JANUARY 13 SESSION TO AFGHAN-
ISTAN, UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTING RESOLUTION DENOUNCING
INVASION AND APPEALING FOR ARAB/ISLAMIC UNITY TO
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COUNTER SOVIET THREAT. MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS EQUATED
SOVIET AGGRESSION WITH ZIONIST OCCUPATION OF JERUSALEM
AND ARAB TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY.

2. AFGHANISTAN: ALL PAPERS EXTENSIVELY REPORT PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON AFGHANISTAN.

-- SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY (SLP) LEADER IBRAHIM SHUKRY
CONDEMNED SOVIET INVASION AND SAID PARTY SUPPORTS

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GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS TO ASSIST AFGHAN PEOPLE. SHUKRY CALLED FOR ARAB AND ISLAMIC UNITY, ESPECIALLY IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. HE SAID ISRAELI POSITION ON JERUSALEM ALSO DEMANDS ARAB UNANIMITY AT THIS JUNCTURE. SHUKRY APPROVED GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO LIMIT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN EGYPT, BUT SAID EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE SENT TO MOSCOW.

-- MINSTATE GHALI, IN REPLY, REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF SOVIET INVASION AND SAID SOVIETS PLAN TO USE AFGHANISTAN AS SPRINGBOARD FOR CONTROL OF OIL SUPPLIES TO WEST. AS REGARDS JERUSALEM, GHALI SAID GOE HAS MADE CLEAR ITS VIEW THAT RESOLUTION 242 APPLIES TO JERUSALEM AND REQUIRES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

-- P.A. DEPUTY SPEAKER MOHAMMED RADWAN ECHOED GHALI'S STATEMENT AND CRITICIZED SYRIA, PLO, AND LEFTIST NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST GROUPING (NPUG) FOR SUPPORTING SOVIET INVASION. HIS SUGGESTION FOR BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW WAS GREETED BY APPLAUSE FROM ASSEMBLY FLOOR.

-- INDEPENDENT M.P. SHEIKH SALAH ABU ISMAIL, WHO IS CLOSE TO MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, ATTACKED SOVIET VETO IN UNCLASSIFIED.. UNCLASSIFIED

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SECURITY COUNCIL OF RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN. CALLING FOR EGYPTIAN SUPPORT OF AFGHANS. SHEIKH ABU ISMAIL DONATED ONE MONTH'S SALARY TO THEIR CAUSE. INTER ALIA, ABU ISMAIL DENOUNCED ZIONISM FOR "SWALLOWING UP" PALESTINE.

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-- INDEPENDENT MUMTAZ NASSAR ALSO EQUATED THE SOVIET INVASION WITH ZIONIST AGGRESSION IN PALESTINE. GOING ABU ISMAIL ONE BETTER, NASSAR DONATED TWO MONTHS' SALARY TO AFGHAN PEOPLE.

3. SPEAKING TO ASSEMBLY, GHALI SAID HE WILL SEND MESSAGES TO TEN AFRICAN FORMINISTERS ON EGYPT'S STANCE TOWARD SOVIET INVASION. DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS, HE REVEALED, ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING ARMS AND MONEY TO AFGHANISTAN, BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF ACHIEVING PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION. MINDEF KAMEL HASSEN ALI, SPEAKING TO MILITARY AUDIENCE SAME DAY, WARNED THAT SOVIET INVASION FORESHADOWS ITS INTENTION TO DOMINATE MIDDLE EAST.

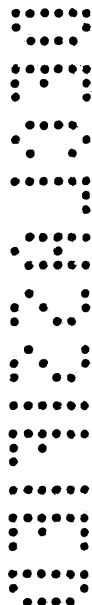
4. AKHBAR HEADLINES DECISION BY MAJOR GRAIN EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO EMBARGO WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO SOVIET UNION. AKHBAR'S CORRESPONDENT SAYS PRESIDENT CARTER WILL DELIVER MAJOR ADDRESS ON SITUATION IN REGION, AND NOTES EMERGENCY NATO SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 15 TO COORDINATE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC MEASURES.

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5. GUMHURIYYA PRINTS LETTER FROM NPUG LEADER KHALED MUHIEDDIN ATTACKING PAPER FOR ITS SELECTIVE REPORTING ON PARTY'S STATEMENT CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN (CAIRO 792). PAPER DOES NOT PRINT TEXT OF NPUG STATEMENT BUT LISTS MAJOR POINTS OF MUHIEDDIN'S LETTER:

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-- DESPITE LEGITIMACY OF SOVIET ACTION (BASED ON INTER-
NATIONAL LAW, TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, AND
INVITATION OF AFGHAN GOVERNMENT) SOVIET TROOP DEPLOYMENT
HAS "EXCEEDED LIMITS" OF THESE PRINCIPLES.

-- SOVIET ACTIONS CAN BE USED AS PRETEXT FOR THIRD
WORLD CONDEMNATIONS OF SOVIET POLICY.

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-- NPUG REJECTS "AGGRESSIVE MILITARY INTERVENTION" BY
IMPERIALISM AND PAKISTAN IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS, BUT ALSO
DOES NOT APPROVE CONTINUED SOVIET TROOP PRESENCE IN
AFGHANISTAN.

-- NPUG CALLS ON NAM TO REPLACE SOVIET TROOPS TO CONFRONT
"FOREIGN, ANTI-REVOLUTION INTERVENTION" IN AFGHANISTAN.

6. EDITORIALY, ALL PAPERS CONDEMN SOVIET AGGRESSION



AND DEMAND ARAB-ISLAMIC UNITY TO CONFRONT SOVIET THREAT.
AKHBAR TAKES NPUG TO TASK FOR SUPPORTING INVASION,
LUMPING PARTY STATEMENT WITH SYRIAN AND PLO SUPPORT OF
SOVIETS. GUMHURIYYA LAMENTS THAT ARAB AND ISLAMIC
DISUNITY PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIET AGGRESSION.
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